

what do we have to show for it for the American people? We got off, I thought, to a pretty fast start, although it took longer than it should have. On the congressional coverage, we did say, oh, we are going to make the laws apply to us, and the vote was 98 to 1—98 to 1. We got that one passed, and it went to the President.

That is the only bill—I believe this is correct—the only major bill, and maybe the only bill, that we have sent to the President for his signature this year, in 2 months.

Now, we went then to unfunded mandates, a process to try to stop the cavalcade of unfunded Federal mandates we are putting on States—overwhelming support for it, but here in the Senate we spent 58 hours and 34 minutes discussing this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair advises the Senator from Mississippi he has exhausted his 7 minutes.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent I may proceed for 2 more minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. For 58 hours and 34 minutes we talked about unfunded mandates. You would have thought this was really a controversial issue. Now, we needed time to look at the bill and, yes, to look at the report to make sure we fully understood it, but 58 hours and 34 minutes? And then we got to a vote on final passage and it passed 86 to 10—86 to 10. That is good. You would think, great, now we are on the move.

The bill has not gone to the President yet. It is still languishing in conference.

And then, of course, there was the balanced budget amendment—116 hours of debate. We covered a lot of territory in that debate. It ranged far and wide, quite often far from the subject at hand—116 hours. And then we voted, and the vote was, in the final analysis, really 66 to 34, although the majority leader changed his vote in order to offer the motion to reconsider—65 to 35.

I do not think the American people want the Senate to just react or act on what the House has done. But I think they have a right to expect that the Senate would get the message of the election in 1994 as well as the House. I think the American people want us to act in an affirmative way. And sometimes they want us to act to stop and reverse some of the policies of the past 20 to 40 years that have gotten us into the difficulty we are in with our Federal debt. We do not seem to be doing a very good job of moving forward that agenda, or any agenda. And when I say it that way I am assuming some of the blame on this side of the aisle, too.

So I guess my conclusion here today, as we run out of time, is yes, I hope we can run in a bipartisan way. There have been ruptures. I had looked forward to working with the new leadership on the other side of the aisle. I have known Senator DASCHLE, Senator

DORGAN, Senator BREAUX and Senator KERREY for years and have a lot of respect for them. I thought we could cut out some of the acrimony and some of the partisanship, that we could talk and communicate and understand each other and have a schedule that the Members could rely on that would make sense. I hope we can still do that. But we lost a little bit of that opportunity in the past few days in my opinion.

I think the Senate needs to take stock of itself. Maybe this is the way it has always been done. I do not believe that. I have gone back and looked at history and I do not think necessarily what we have done in the last 2 months is the way it has always been done. But I have an answer to that. If it has, so what? If it needs to be changed, if we can do a better job, let us do it. Yes, I am a former House Member. No, I do not want to make the Senate a replica of the House. But can we make the Senate a better legislative body, if we make some changes or we work together in a way that provides—yes, more efficiency? I think it is worthy of effort. And I hope we will begin it next week.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Florida.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to address the Senate as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is the regular order, Senator.

#### THE DEFEAT OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT, HYPOCRISY ON THE RECORD

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, during the past several weeks there has been significant debate on one of the most fundamental issues facing America today. One which, frankly, divides the two parties in this country. At times the debate was heated. At times the debate appeared to indicate the balanced budget amendment would pass. But, in the last days, it became clear that would not be the case and the balanced budget amendment was defeated.

This morning, while Republicans were trying to recover from that defeat, we were buoyed by the announcement that Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL was switching parties, changing from Democrat to Republican.

During the press conference this morning making that announcement, a question was raised by one of the reporters regarding a comment attributed to the minority leader of the Senate, suggesting of Senator CAMPBELL, "perhaps he should resign and run for reelection. \* \* \*

I assume the minority leader made that statement because Senator CAMPBELL had changed parties. I would like to suggest that perhaps the minority leader, Senator DASCHLE, should resign and run for reelection himself, because

clearly he changed his position on an incredibly fundamental issue which he not only voted for in the past, but made as a central theme of his campaign in 1986.

Let me quote from one of his commercials:

The national debt. America is awash in red ink. But in 1979, Tom Daschle saw the damage these deficits could do to our country. His first official act was to sponsor a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. For seven years, Tom Daschle battled party leaders and special interests to cut waste and close loopholes.

Mr. President, using the same line of reasoning and logic that was employed this morning by the Senate minority leader, Senator DASCHLE, perhaps he should follow his own advice. Perhaps he should resign and run for reelection.

I thank the Chair and I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Minnesota.

#### THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to remind my colleagues of the words of Benjamin Franklin, when he urged, "Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today."

Good advice. But when is this Congress going to listen?

For too long, Congress has used the word "tomorrow" to repeatedly avoid the responsibilities and obligations of today.

We will stop spending more than we take in—tomorrow.

We will safeguard our children's future by paying our own bills—tomorrow.

We will make the tough choices to get our fiscal house in order—tomorrow.

We will balance the budget—tomorrow.

The problem with tomorrow, of course, is that it never, ever gets here—there is always another one waiting in the wings. Responsibilities are never met. Obligations are never fulfilled.

And yesterday's vote on the balanced budget amendment demonstrates once again that—despite all the talk on Capitol Hill about change—Congress still operates under the notion that you should never do today what you can put off until tomorrow.

Mr. President, I am deeply disappointed that this body put politics ahead of promises in rejecting the balanced budget amendment.

Passage hinged on the votes of six Democrats who, just 1 year ago—March 1, 1994—voted for the balanced budget amendment. Yesterday, those same six Senators voted "no" on a bill that was virtually identical to the one they supported last year.

The balanced budget amendment is a beautifully simple piece of legislation that makes so much sense to the voters